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FIRE DEPARTMENT—West Liberty Fire Department members have worked around the clock since March 2 to search for tornado survivors, clear rubble and maintain order in the disaster area of downtown West

Liberty. Pictured above in front of the WLFD rescue truck are Firefighter Terry Shelton, Captain Danny Peyton, Assistant Chief Jamie Phipps, Chief Brian Scalf and Firefighter Kory Moore.

# West Liberty Fire Dept. works through disaster

#### Loss of headquarters, equipment does not hinder response to calls

By Miranda M. Cantrell

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since the deadly March 2 EF-3 tornado that devastated much of downtown West Liberty, where two firefighters nearly became twister victims before they set out to secure their town in the storm's aftermath.

WLFD Chief Brian Scalf and Assistant Chief Jamie Phipps said they arrived in town on the afternoon of March 2 prepared for the inconceivable after meteorologists issued a tornado watch for Morgan

County on the heels of an EF-2 West Liberty Volunteer Fire cyclone that touched down in Department members recently the Mize, Greear and Malone held their first official meeting communities just two days

> "I made sure my wife was in a safe place first," Phipps said. "Then I loaded my gear and packed extra supplies. Something just told me that I needed to be ready in case the worst happened. And, of course, the worst did happen."

> Phipps and Scalf were in the City Hall basement attempting to hold the doors shut as the tornado cut a destructive path over Wells Hill to Riverside

Drive and up Prestonsburg nearby firefighters and civil-Street toward the municipal building's backside facing Trimble Street.

The firefighters said they were nearly sucked out the doors as the tornado bared down on the building.

"E-911 Dispatcher Jackie Mayberry jumped on top of me and held me down," Phipps said. "KSP Trooper Jeff Crase jumped on top of Brian. They saved our lives. We thank them... And we thank God."

A brush with death could not deter Phipps and Scalf from performing their sworn duties as firefighters, however.

"We knew we had to mitigate our hazards," Phipps said. "We went out to check on all the ians, then we went straight to work."

That work involved commandeering a dozer to clear trees from the roads leading to the city's natural gas shutoff valves, and to Morgan County ARH and West Liberty Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

"The town had serious problems to begin with, obviously," Phipps said. "But they could have gotten a whole lot worse if we hadn't been able to shut down the natural gas supply. In a situation like this, all the rules go out the window and common sense takes over."

Scalf said that all 26 WLFD firefighters - as well as most See SERVICES, Page A3

# Tornado aftermath:

#### **Emergency Operations Center** manages disaster response

By Miranda M. Cantrell

The deadly March 2 EF-3 tornado that demolished much of downtown West Liberty and several outlying Morgan County communities required local emergency services personnel to coordinate under the management of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which supervised search and rescue missions in the storm's aftermath.

Emergency personnel crews including all local fire departments, West Liberty Police Department, Morgan County sheriff and jailer departments, Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky National Guard and several other agencies worked around the clock for several days after the tornado to search for survivors, clear rubble and maintain order in the disaster areas.

EOC Incident Commander Jim Gazay said that organization members met on the

afternoon of March 2 to address the EF-2 twister that touched down in the Mize, Greear and Malone communities just two days prior on Feb. 29.

"We knew the second tornado was coming," Gazay said. "Once it hit, we immediately cleared roads and began searching for survivors. The search and rescue mission lasted for approximately 48 hours, during which every building in West Liberty was searched four times."

Kentucky State Police officials confirmed that the tornado claimed no lives within city limits, though the cyclone killed the following individuals in the Blackwater, Woodsbend and Williams Creek communities:

- Charles Endicott, 51, of Blackwater.
- Betty Sue Endicott, 50, of

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# Credit freeze info for tornado victims

Local disaster victims who had any personal documents swept away by the Feb. 29 or March 2 tornados should protect themselves from further stresses.

Detailed information is available on each credit bureau's website. Victims must call or visit each bureau's website to file separate credit freezes.

If citizens call the bureaus rather than applying online, the \$10 fee will be waived due to the natural disaster. They can also call one bureau, which will share the information for a fraud alert with the other two firms within 48 hours.

Each person in the household will need to file individually. Individuals cannot call for their husband/wife.

To contact the credit bureaus, call Equifax at 800-685-1111, TransUnion at 800-916-8800 and Experian 888-397-

# Old middle school to temporarily serve Woodsbend students

By Kim Bandura - Staff Writer The Morehead News

March 16, 2012 — Residents from the tornado-damaged Woodsbend Youth Development Center (WYDC) in Morgan County now have a place to attend school, thanks to the efforts Paula Stafford, Rowan County Middle School assistant principal, and the Rowan County Board of Education.

WYDC was heavily damaged during the March 2 tornado that took the lives of six persons, five within a mile of the Woodsbend facility.

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (KDJJ) runs the residential facility with the help of three teachers, a principal and secretary provided by the Morgan County Board of Education and two other teachers from the state.

According to Morgan County Supt. Deatrah Barnett, her district draws state funding for the students at the WYDC and will continue

to do so as Morgan County teachers commute to Morehead for the rest of this school

"We can't thank the board and Supt. Moore enough for helping our district to continue to provide education to these students while their facility is being rebuilt," Barnett said.

"Rowan County is supplying three classrooms to 20 of the boys from Woodsbend," said Stafford, who is also the district administrator and principal of KDJJ's Morehead Youth Development Center (MYDC).

"Twenty of the Woodsbend residents are living in a separate building on the MYDC property and will continue their scheduled school year with their Morgan County teachers at the former middle school," she said.

At Tuesday's school board meeting, Mark Nickell, KDJJ regional director, thanked Moore, Stafford and the Rowan board for

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The Kiwanis blood drive is scheduled for 12-6 p.m. Thursday, April 5. The Kentucky Blood Center will have its mobile unit in the parking lot at Index Community Church. We encourage everyone to take the time to give.

Kiwanis blood drive April 5

# Community worship service held at Morgan high school

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Morgan County Ministerial Association on Sunday, March 18, hosted the first community worship service since the deadly March 2 EF-3 tornado that leveled two of West Liberty's most prominent churches.

Approximately 100 people from churches throughout the county filed into Veterans' Memorial Gymnasium at Morgan County High School, where Daysboro Church of Christ Pastor David Hinton opened the event with a prayer followed by congregational singing led by Ezel First Church of God Pastor Jesse Dennis.

"People often question why disasters like this tornado happen," Dennis said. "There are some things in this life we will never understand, but we must other."

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100-year-old West Liberty

Christian and Methodist

"People often question why disasters like this tornado happen. There are some things in this life we will never understand, but we must continue to take care of each other."

> —Jesse Dennis, **Ezel First Church** of God pastor

churches - which were both destroyed by the tornado before turning the pulpit over to West Liberty Christian Church Pastor Paul Casteel, who noted that over 100 people attended a worship service hosted by the Christian church at Index Community Church that morning.

"West Liberty Christian Church is alive and well," Casteel said. "Strength is made perfect in weakness, and sometimes to be strong we have to be broken. May we find strength in our brokenness. It is time to look to the future, and we will be better because of this."

Ministerial Association member Harry Frisby said the disaster represents an unprecedented opportunity for the local religious community.

"We have a chance to make a real difference," Frisby said. "We see this kind of devastation on television, but this time it hit home. So many people were spared for a reason, and it is time to reach out to the community for a revival such as we have never seen before."

Judge Executive Tim Conley -who was in attendance with other local officials including Magistrate Stanley Riggsby and Superintendent of Schools Deatrah Barnett - compared Morgan County's crisis to the biblical story of Job.

"Job lost everything he had," Conley said. But God replen-

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# Message from Licking Valley RECC

Just a short while ago massive tornadoes destroyed homes, businesses, schools, and farms, and most tragically, took the lives of so many dear friends here in our communities.

Almost 8,000 of Licking Valley RECC members lost power – Power was restored gradually throughout the next week until all meters still active were back on. As co-op members complete repairs to their homes and other structures, Licking Valley RECC crews will continue to reconnect service to those meters.

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Our top priority is, and always will be, to provide safe and reliable electric service.





To all our friends and customers, we extend our deepest sympathy to all who are suffering. I was taught early in life, when one door closes a new one opens. We are looking forward to the new doors opening when our new town is rebuilt.



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Blackwater.

- Elizabeth Endicott, 72, of Blackwater.
- Emma Dean Cecil, 87, of Woodsbend.
- Wilmer Cecil, 90, of Woodsbend. • Alex Clayton Dulen, 86, of
- Williams Creek. Approximately 75 people

were injured during the storm despite the surprisingly low

Gazay—who has taken part in many disaster-related search and rescue missions during his tenure with the U.S. military noted that the March 2 tornado represented a personal career milestone.

"I have worked several hur-

ricanes and even a volcano eruption," Gazay said. "This was my first tornado, and I had never seen anything like it before in my life. I find it astounding that Morgan County is so far along with its recovery efforts. I attribute this to great city and county government leadership, and to citizen volunteerism."

Local Emergency Management Director Irene Jenkins said the Feb. 29 tornado served as a warning for many citizens.

"The damage from the first tornado caused people to take the threat of the second twister more seriously," Jenkins said. "Many lives were undoubtedly saved because more people took cover the second time."

Jenkins also noted that EOC

officials will take more disaster precautions with the construction of several tornado shelters throughout the county.

Gazay predicted that the rebuilding process will begin "Morgan County will be in recovery mode for a long

time," Gazay said. "But I believe the community will come together to make this town better than ever. The way Morgan Countians have united since this disaster amazes me."

EOC committee members include Judge Executive Tim Conley, Mayor Jim Rupe, Jim Gazay, Mike Lacy and John Conley.

For more information about the EOC, call 606-743-4169 or momcemd@mrtc. e-mail com.

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members of all other county

fire departments - soon arrived at the scene and worked around the clock for several days to search for survivors, clear rubble and maintain order in the disaster area.

"We were all separated from our families," Scalf said. "I was talking to my wife on the phone when the tornado hit and the line went dead. Of course, I was worried... But we had to put all of our personal feelings aside so we could work through this crisis."

Appoximately 30 fire departments and law enforcement agencies throughout Kentucky sent numerous members to West Liberty with vehicles, supplies and other resources to aid the emergency services

"Some of these departments have stayed with us since the tornado hit," Scalf said. "We would especially like to thank Ashland Fire Department members, who have expressed a desire to donate a fire truck to

WLFD members will also be available to assist other departments during future crises.

"We will repay our debts to our fire service brothers," Phipps said. "We can never thank them enough for what they have done."

Phipps also noted that the construction of the new firehouse on Index Hill was hastened due to extensive damage to the City Hall basement, where the department was previously headquartered. "There has been a lot of prog-

ress made on the firehouse

since the storm," Phipps said.

"We hope to move into the building within the next 60

Department members are currently stationed in the for-

firehouse/waterworks building at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Main Street, where the city street department is also located.

WLFD officers said though the tornado changed the face of West Liberty, the fire department will remain a solid community institution.

"West Liberty Department is here to stay," Phipps said. "This town will rebuild, and we will always be here to serve and protect our citizens."

#### **WLFD Members**

Brian Scalf, Jamie Phipps, Danny Peyton, Peter Brandt, Dwayne Nickell, Carter Easterling, Mark Walter, David Conley, Bobbie Peyton, Terry Shelton, Bud Blanchard, Jeffrey Wilson, Nathaniel Lumpkins, Charles Tharp, Jimmy Tharp, Steven Alfrey, David Pennington, Kory Moore and Wayne Lewis.

#### **Junior Firefighters**

J.J. Holden and Cody Peyton.

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assistance in coordinating the

"Seven staff members and the 28 residents were in the basement of one of the build-

ings hit by the tornado," he said. "Thankfully, no one was hurt. With the support of Rowan County, the students will remain on their schedules."

Regular classes for the WYDC residents will resume Monday in their new classrooms. In other business, the school

board scheduled the high school graduation for the evening of the last day of school, currently set for May 11. Kim Bandura can be reached

at kbandura@themoreheadnews.com or by telephone at 784-4116.

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ished him more than twofold. Death and destruction will always be with us, but how we handle it is a personal choice. I believe this city and county will rebuild if we let God have His way. It will be a long road, but we must continue on with this journey."

adjournment,

Ministerial Association members summoned audience members to the gym floor to join hands for the benediction, which was also observed by visiting WLJC television personality Margaret Drake, of Beattyville.

The Morgan County Ministerial Association meets the third Saturday of each month at Index Community



A prayer circle at the March 18 community worship service at Morgan County High School.



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# Judge's Corner

Hello from Judge Tim Conley, wife Tammy, staff and employees:

First, I want to express my sympathy to all who have lost loved ones in the past few weeks, and to the ones who loved ones who lost their lives due to the tornado/storms. Also, our hearts are saddened for all those who lost their homes, businesses, vehicles and possessions.

I remember the biblical story of Job, who lost everything and God restored it twofold. If we hold fast to God, with His blessings we can rebuild our lives just as his servant Job

I would like for our hometown newspaper over the next several months to save a place for personal stories of our experience through this disaster, and today I want to share

The disaster started on Leap Day, Feb. 29, as a super cell storm was developing in Morgan County near West Liberty. Every 10 minutes I was in contact with E-911 Dispatch Coordinator John Conley.

All of our offices in the county government building moved to the basement as an EF-2 tornado formed and hit in the Mize, Grassy Creek, Index and Malone communities, as well as the side roads in these

The Feb. 29 tornado just missing Morgan Central Elementary School, where over 300 students, teachers, staff and employees were

We immediately opened the **Emergency Operations Center** (EOC) at West Liberty Police Department with EOC staff members Mike Lacy, Jim Gazay, John Conley, Mayor Chief Hensley, Management Emergency Director Irene Jenkins and myself.

We immediately signed an emergency declaration and started working toward ensuring life safety. As the day progressed and school was dismissed, we worked into the mother, Rose, got to the door. night trying to make sure we did everything possible to salvage what we could.

A large group was at the Fugate farm, where two barns were on the ground with some cows and horses trapped under the rubble. I witnessed the love and friendship of neighbors and friends helping one another as they cut and freed the last cow. As the cow walked to safety I heard someone say, "Praise the Lord!"

The Feb. 29 tornado claimed no lives, and we continued to work through Thursday and Friday hoping the worst was

The morning of Friday, March 2, was cool as Mayor Rupe and I were to help at Lanny Franklin's funeral. We told the 911 Director to call us anytime if the weather changed due to the threat of more

After the funeral, the heat index had risen and we knew a storm was brewing. I left the cemetery and went to IGA to pick up a few things for supper and planned to spend some time with my family, as I hadn't spent much time with them since Feb. 29 tornado.

I got a call from dispatch asking if I could talk to the news media before I went home. I stopped by City Hall and did one last interview about near police department

The lady asked me, "What do you tell the people about the weather tonight after coming through a EF-2 tornado?"

My reply was, "To be weather alert, pay attention to the weather authority and keep an

Eye on the weather." That news report was to air at 6 p.m. that night.

When I got home, I kept watching the weather reports. At approximately 5 p.m., 911 dispatch called and ask if I wanted to open the EOC. I said yes and that I would be there by 6 p.m., but a still, calm voice told me I needed to go on. So, I left my family and arrived at City Hall around 5:15 p.m.

I went upstairs to the top floor to open the EOC. The door was locked, so John Conley went to get the key. It was missing, so Dispatcher Jackie Mayberry tried to pick the lock with a credit card. I also tried to open it with a knife to no avail.

If you think there is not a God, I am here to tell you He hid the key and held the lock tight so we would not be on the top floor of that building.

Mike Lacy, John Conley, Police Chief Kelse Hensley and I set up for the storms with our radar, computers and pro-

Dispatchers Jackie Mayberry and Heather Blair were manning the dispatch. Mayor Rupe and Jim Kazee

were on their way in when we heard a Blackwater Fire Department volunteer say that a tornado was on the ground on Sawmill Road. The dispatch console lit up

like a Christmas tree as calls started pouring in as we saw on the radar that the tornado was on the ground in Woodsbend.

The last radio transmission that we heard was, "It has just hit the hospital!"

We knew the building we were in was right in line, as was all of downtown West

A state trooper ran through the door telling everyone to go to the basement because a tornado was upon us. The cars in the street were being moved by the wind.

A young boy came through the door followed by his mother. Mike Lacy and I directed them to the basement. As we turned to go, the boy's grand-

The wind pressure sealed the door closed and Rose could not open it. Cars were rolling toward her. I looked at Mike and we said that we could not leave her behind.

As I stepped to the door it was the strength of God - not my own - that opened the door. When it opened the building just exploded, as I grabbed her hands as Mike grabbed my belt and pulled on both of us and we were pulled to safety. We looked right into the inside wall of an EF-3 tornado.

Everyone made it to the basement except Mike, Rose and me. As we got to the basement door the pressure was so high I could only open it about six

The tornado ripped through our city and continued on throughout Morgan County and hit about every community in its path through the Hwy 172 corridor, leaving people homeless and dead.

As soon as the weather cleared, we ran outside to assess the damages. It looked like the picture from Sept. 11, 2001, with people coming out of buildings and dust and debris floating in the air.

Everyone was in disbelief and it was a matter of minutes the rain started falling so hard we thought another tornado was coming. My family said that they heard my distress call on my mobile hand held radio and they knew by the tone of my voice this was the worst thing that had ever happened to Morgan County and the City of West Liberty.

As we took command of the situation some of the first people I saw were Hank Allen coming out of Commercial

# Stacy, Adkins, Stumbo announce emergency measures to help tornado victims

Rep. John Will Stacy, (D-West Liberty), House Speaker Greg Stumbo, (D-Prestonsburg), and Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, (D-Sandy Hook), Senate Majority Leader Robert Stivers, (R-Manchester) and Sen. Tom Jensen, (R-London), today announced proposed legislation that would assist owners of buildings damaged in the March 2nd tornadoes with tax relief. The bill would also help schools and staff suffering with potential loss of funds due to absences caused by the disaster.

Under this proposal, building owners in Morgan, Menifee, Rowan and all 21 Kentucky counties declared disaster areas by the president, could recover the sales tax paid on their building materials to repair or replace any structure damaged in the disaster. The buildings must be repaired or rebuilt in the county in which it was dam-

aged.

The owners would send all receipts to the Department of Revenue along with an information sharing document from their contractor – if one was used - verifying the purchase of materials. In addition, owners would submit documentation from either FEMA or an insurance company authenticating that the work was performed on a home or building damaged from the March 2nd event within the disaster areas.

The Department of Revenue, after processing the information, would issue a check refunding the sales tax to the building owner.

"This measure will encourage our people to rebuild in their communities and help restore economic vitality to devastated areas," said Rep. Stacy. "Providing a tax refund to building owners will help kick start our reconstruction efforts and will be a great

motivation to people still struggling with the realities of the devastation."

"This is a real-world solution that would quickly help those most in need," said House Speaker Stumbo. "I cannot think of a better way to help these communities get back on their feet."

Owners can submit receipts for refunds to the department for three years, or until March 2, 2015.

"While in session, the legislature has an opportunity to help communities rebuild and give them some relief from the costs as well as an incentive to stay in their home counties," said Rep. Adkins. "We believe this legislation will help the thousands of people begin that process more quickly."

"The steps advocated by Rep Stacy to help the rebuilding efforts are similar to proposals we are developing in the Senate," said Sen. Stivers. I commend Rep Stacy; tornadoes don't distinguish Republican from Democrat and we will be tackling this in a bipartisan way."

The second piece of the legislation will support school systems and personnel affected by the March 2nd torna-

The bill would authorize the Commissioner of Department of Education to declare ten days of missed school as emergency disaster days which would not count against their Average Daily Attendance (ADA) figures. It would also give school districts the option of using last year's ADA figures instead of this school year's figures if attendance is significantly lower, so their funding would not decrease.

The third piece would guarantee that certified and classified school staff would maintain their salary and benefits for the period school was not in session. The staff will perform work for those days, but it may be in other areas than they would regularly be assigned.

"This ensures that our school personnel are not financially harmed because they weren't allowed to work during the school's closure," said Rep. Stacy. "These are the people who will help restore a sense of normalcy to our children when they return to school and they should have peace of mind that their paycheck will keep coming." Sen Tom Jensen added,

"The proposed legislation is a comprehensive way to help structure the rebuilding. We in the Senate are committed to doing what we can for the people who have been affected by the horrific tragedy."



Pictured from left to right -Rep. Jeff Hoover, Rep. **Hubert Collins, Sen. Tom** Jensen, Sen. Robert Marie Stivers, Rep. Rader, Rep. Rocky Adkins, Rep. John Will Stacy, Greg Rep. Stumbo, Rep. Tommy Thompson and Rep. John Short.

Bank, Jack Hammons coming out of the Chinese Restaurant, Dorcas and her family, and the family who runs the restaurant.

In just a few minutes I spotted my sister-in-law coming up the street, bloody and bruised where her house had caved in on her.

Later in the night and the next day as our death toll rose to six, I learned that three of the six were our son-in-law's grandmother, aunt and uncle.

I have never seen such an outpouring of love and affection within our county, state and nation. Everyone was willing to pitch in and help.

It will be a long and hard recovery, but you have my word if God is willing we will rebuild and be a stronger Morgan County and City of West Liberty. More than ever, we need everyone's help.

Morgan County is open for business. Let's do what we can to support our local businesses that will help us rebuild our future.

I read an article by Lynn Nickell, who asked, "Is it a sin to love a town so much?"

I personally ask if it is a sin to love the people of Morgan County and the City of West Liberty so much? I don't think so. God said, "How can you love me who you have not seen if you can't love your brother who you have seen?"

You can reach me by calling 606-743-3897, e-mailing the address mcfc.tc@gmail.com, or by visiting our current office at the old Rifle Coal building on Hwy. 172.

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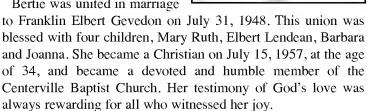
## **Obituaries**

#### Bertie Gevedon, 88

Bertie Glee Long Gevedon of Grassy Creek, KY, left this world Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the West Liberty Nursing and Rehab Center at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 18 days.

She was born on Sunday, March 25, 1923 in Wolfe County, KY a daughter of the late William Bowen and Clemma Mae Peyton Long.

Bertie was united in marriage



She was a homemaker, devoting her life to care for her family and her home. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Clemma Long; her husband, Franklin Elbert Gevedon; two infant daughters, Barbara Gevedon and Joanna Gevedon; and two sisters, Bonnie Gevedon Castle and Anzie Gevedon.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ruth Byrd and husband Justin of Winchester, KY; her son, Elbert Lendean Gevedon and wife Jennifer of Grassy Creek, KY; four grandchildren, Myrisa Kelly Christy & husband Brandon, Wesley Lyle Byrd & wife Ginni, Brittany Len Fogle & huband Caleb, and Benjamin Cole Austin; two great grandchildren, Rylee Grant Hume and Lucien Wesley Byrd; three sisters, Fern Rohr of Hamilton, OH, Nell Long of Hamilton, OH, and Leona Kester of Bolingbrook, IL; and two brothers, Hiram Long of Hazard, KY, and Huey Long of Campton, KY.

Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Grassy Lick Church, with Bro. Kenneth Gevedon officiating and Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Jason Gevedon, Gary Prater, Phillip Byrd, Jimmy Byrd, Phillip Nickell, Marvin Nickell, Brian Kennard, Larry Hollon, Jeff Lawson, and Greg Lawson.

Honorary Pallbearers were Caleb Fogle and Benjamin Austin.



son of the Late Sal Brown and Irene Isaacs Brown. He was retired from International AFL CIO and a member of Grace Baptist Church, Malone, Kentucky.

J.B. Brown J.B. Brown, age 74, of Grand Rapid, Michigan, formerly of

West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012,

He was born September 10, 1937, in White Oak, Kentucky, a

after an extended illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sal Brown and Irene

Isaacs Brown, 1 son, Randy Scott Brown, and 2 brothers, Aruther Brown and Dean Brown.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Lykins Brown of Newaygo, Michigan, 1 Daughter, Sandra (Jim) Ward of Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1 Son, Rodney (Nan) Brown of Traverse City, Michigan, 3 Sisters, Joyce (Dan) Cunningham of Goshen, Indiana, Billie Gullett of Salversville, Kentucky and Judy Staniford of Columbus, Ohio. 4 Grandchildren; Erin Brown, Addison Brown, Sam Ward & Katie Ward. A Special Aunt, Julie Brown of Cold Water, Michigan.

Funeral Services were conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, March 22, at Grace Baptist Church in Malone, Kentucky, with Bro. Mike Lindon officiating. Burial followed in the Gobel Vance Cemetery, Vance Fork, KY.

Pallbearers were Greg Gullett, Charles Bailey, Bily Bailey, Sam Ward, Steve Harper, Sonny Lykins, Terry Stacy, Addison Brown

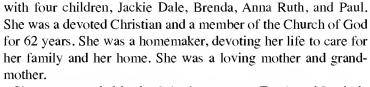
Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home is both honored and privileged to be entrusted with all funeral arrangements of Mr. J.B. Brown.

#### Cloma Clevenger, 90

Cloma Clevenger of Wrigley, KY, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012, at the Elliott County Nursing and Rehab Center at the age of 90 years, 7 months, and 21 days.

She was born on Wednesday, July 27, 1921 in Wrigley, KY a daughter of the late Frank and Lucinda Hobbs Johnson.

Cloma was united in marriage to Denzil Clevenger on Dec. 24, 1938. This union was blessed



She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Lucinda Hobbs Johnson; her husband, Denzil Clevenger; one son, Jackie Dale Clevenger; and two daughters, Brenda Clevenger & Anna Ruth Lowe.

Survivors include one son, Paul Clevenger and Reba Lotts of Wrigley, KY; four grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Lick Fork Church, Hwy 7, West Liberty, KY. Burial followed in the Clevenger Cemetery, with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers included family and friends, Scott Clevenger, Chris Clevenger, Larry Lee Lowe, Danny Lewis, Frankie Ratliff, and

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## **Letters to the Editor**

## To The People of Morgan Co

It was just about two centuries ago to this date that a young pioneer by the name of Edmund B. Wells set out to fulfill a dream of making a new settlement in Eastern Kentucky. Along with a few friends, who also became famous, he made a very wise decision to settle in this location. Because of the great water supply of the Licking River and vast territory of fine timber, it was ideal for a gristmill operation. The next step was to give the place a name and start a new governing system for a county, which was maned Morgan after the Revolutionary War general of that time. The post office name of West Liberty came as somewhat of a misunderstanding, but proved to be the right name

I am one proud person to have been a descendant of this early American family, and a great, great granddaughter of this famous man. I am equally proud of all who followed after him in building the great place in which I grew up. Like a rose in a desert, this place remained unknown to much of the country, until the fateful day of March 2, 2012, when the technology of our time brought this little City to the forefront of the national news. An unexpected tornado came tearing through, causing great destruction and devastation to this peaceful place. After a few hours, and the people had been evacuated. It just seems that God looked down upon the terrible sight and in His love and compassion, He spread a blanket of white snow over the entire destruction.

To the people who are left to recover, I am confident that you will rise again and once again blossom into a more beautiful and safe place to live

than ever before. All to the Glory of our God and for the joy of the next generation to come. Let this be our

pledge-let, this be our prayer. God bless everyone, and God bless America.

Maxine Wells Jenkins Lexington, Ky.

# Continue paper please

Hi Janie,

Please continue my year of Morgan County paper. It was nice to speak with you this morning.

Have a blessed new year that is almost already I/3 gone. Each day seems like a whisper in the wind, but thank God that we are blessed.

Love and take care, Sandy Pratt 9545 S. Palmer Rd. Dayton, Ohio 45424

#### **Positive Outlook**

#### Admired

Mr. Kinner,

I am very sorry about the loss of your home and your business, but very thankful you had no severe injuries. I've looked at many videos of the tornado damage. Sadly, I know things are in worse shape than any photos or videos can begin to

I lived in Xenia, Ohio, when the horrible tornado of April 1974 hit there, killing close to 40 people.

I know a lot of time will pass before our wonderful little city of West Liberty will be "up and well" again. I truly admire the positive outlook that most people have for the future.

I, along with many others, regret that some of the oldest and most beautiful buildings are a total loss. I'm counting on restoration of the old high school and the beautiful old courthouse.

May God bless you and your staff as you continue to serve the people there and in other states in our country under the most difficult circumstances.

Sincerely, Janet C. Hutchinson Hilliard, Ohio

# **Missed The**

Courier Dear Mr. Kinner,

We thank God for giving you the wisdom to find the niche where your life could be spared when your office collapsed over you, during the tornado.

We read about this in a friend's Herald Leader and How, with spunk, you yet put out the following week's paper.

Might the tornado have destroyed some of your mailing list? We and a couple neighbors did not receive that paper--nor have we found anyone to loan us a copy to read.

If you have a spare, we would very much like to receive it, as part of our paid-up subscrip-

Sincerely, Jim Brickman Crockett, Ky.

# Ag Extension Farm **Relief Distribution** Day this Saturday

Thanks to the efforts of local UK Ag Extension Agents, volunteers, and generous donors from across Kentucky, over \$100,000 of emergency hay, feed and fencing supplies for cattle, horses and other small animals has been dispersed to tornado impacted farmers in Morgan, Menifee, Magoffin, Johnson and Wolfe counties over the past three weeks.

A distribution day for remaining hay and fencing supplies is planned 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Extension Farm located on the left side of Hwy. 460 before the county garbage station headed towards Salyersville from West Liberty.

Dispersal of garden related supplies (seeds and tools) will be announced at a later time.

For more information about this event or for immediate farm

supply assistance, contact (606) 568-580I. For continued assistance, contact your local Ag Extension Agent's office:

Morgan County, Sarah Fannin 743-3292 Wolfe County, Daniel Wilson 668-3712 Menifee County, Courtney Jenkins 768-2524 Elliott County, Mary McCarty 738-6400

# In Our Opinion UPike compromise still a bad deal

politics is that you can put lipstick on a pig but it's still a

We believe that analogy fits House Bill 260, the political power play legislation that was to magically transform the University of Pikeville (UPike) into a public regional

Not only that, it also was going to bring hundreds, perhaps thousands, of high paying jobs to Eastern Kentucky to be filled by those brand new graduates leaving UPike with newly-minted bachelor's degrees.

grads would ever want to leave the mountains as their family members have been doing for generations.

And none of those four-year

But the most imaginative

One of the eternal truths in part of the fairy tale was that all of the above would be accomplished with only \$12 million or \$13 million or \$14 million in multi-county coal severance tax monies.

We use three different figures because the amount kept changing over a period of several weeks.

At one point, it shrank to \$6 million when county officials in most of the coal-producing counties began to complain about sending a large chunk of their coal severance money to Pike County.

It was apparent from the beginning that no one could explain why we should create a ninth public university when we can't support the eight we already have, not to mention the public schools being nickeled and dimed to death with

"Courageous" to be

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Church

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movie "Courageous" on

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ing the 11 a.m. service. This is

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gregation extends an invitation

for everyone to attend.

small cuts in non-SEEK fund-

Students and alumni of the public universities and elected local officials in this area followed the courageous example of Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews and MSU's Board of Regents and came out openly against HB 260.

True to form, the politicians who had tried to railroad the bill through the General Assembly realized the UPike dream was impossible and they had to salvage something from the wreckage.

That something turned out to be another subsidy for private colleges-disguised as a scholarship grant program-for students in 16 counties instead of the original I2.

The so-called compromise,

in effect, would hold mountain students hostage by funding \$6,000 yearly scholarships only at UPike and other private colleges in the I6 counties. Students finishing four-year degrees at a branch campus of MSU or EKU would get only \$2,000.

Rep. Rocky Adkins did some plastic surgery on the bill in the House to give \$3,000 yearly to coal county students wanting specialized four-year academic programs outside the mountains.

The bill passed the House and moved on to the Senate where its fate is unknown.

If the senators look closely, they'll discover that--beneath those bandages and fresh lipstick--it's still a pig.

--The Morehead News

# **Attend a Meeting**

## **DAV Mobile Unit**

to be here Saturday The DAV Mobile Unit will be at the Farmers Market next door to Go-Go on Saturday, March 24, to assist vets and their families. The DAV Auxiliary will also be on the site with free hamburgers and drinks

for everyone. Free movie at Crossroads **Baptist Mission** March 31 Free movie night for chil-

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Blue Grass Community Foundation establishes Eastern Kentucky Tornado Rebuilding Fund

In response to the devastating tornadoes that hit Eastern Kentucky last week, Blue Grass Community Foundation has established the Eastern Kentucky Tornado Rebuilding Fund. The fund is designed to support long-term rebuilding efforts in Eastern Kentucky counties declared federal disaster areas. Grants from the fund will be overseen by committees made up of local residents in the affected counties.

Donors may give generally to the rebuilding effort or they may specify which county or counties among those declared federal disaster areas they would like their gift to benefit.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to help with the rebuilding effort, go to www.bgcf.org and click on the Eastern Kentucky Tornado Rebuilding Fund button. Or send a check to 250 W. Main, Ste. I220, Lexington KY 40507.

#### dren at Crossroads Baptist **Attention** Mission across from Park and Ride, Hwy. 205, at Helechawa. An adult must accompany storm victims children. C-3-22-2t

Before you begin the process of rebuilding, all property owners must first call City Hall at (606)743-3330 and request a copy of requirements and procedures per the City of West Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission. In addition, if you are planning to operate out of a temporary structure while your establishment/residence is being rebuilt, you must apply for a permit from the City of West Liberty. All fees have been waived. The City of West Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission will meet every Monday at 10:00am at the Bank of the Mountains Index Branch until further notice. All meetings are open to the public. Thank you.



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**DONATED CRUISERS—The March 2 tornado destroyed** three West Liberty Police Department cruisers. Soon afterward, St. Matthews, Ky., Mayor Bernie Bowling and Police Chief Norm Mayer donated three marked and fully-equipped 2005 Chevrolet Impalas to the City of West Liberty. "This generous donation immediately solves some transportation challenges," West Liberty Mayor Jim Rupe said. "It also eliminates governmental

bureaucracy and the cost of purchasing replacement cruisers, which allows us to concentrate on other pressing issues." WLPD Chief Kelse Hensley said, "It is difficult to adequately express my gratitude to Mayor Bowling and Chief Mayer. Thank you very much." WLPD intends to commemorate St. Matthews within its stripe package on the donated cruisers.



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# **Community Announcements**

ATTENTION ALL EMTS INTERESTED IN BECOM-**ING PARAMEDICS:** 

Morgan Emergency Training will be hosting an information meeting Friday, March 30, at the MSU Regional Enterprise Building Room 307. We will attempt to answer any questions concerning Paramedic Training, including, future education changes and details on our next course and the entrance exam process. For more info or to reserve your spot contact Course Coordinator Rodney K. Cantrell 606-743-3497 or at rodcan@ mrtc.com.

#### LOCAL RELIEF FUNDS

The following is information about local relief funds:

#### **MORGAN COUNTY RELIEF FUND-711**

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As many of you already know, West Liberty, Ky., was hit by a powerful tornado on Friday, March 2. The city has lost every business downtown, the post office, the hospital, the courthouse and four banks, just to name a few. There is not even a place to buy a hamburger or supplies to rebuild.

An account has been set up at Bank of the Mountains on the outskirts of town to help with the cost of rebuilding. Please send all monetary donations to Morgan County Relief Fund-711 in care of Bank of the Mountains, P.O. Box 309, West Liberty, KY 41472.

All help is greatly appreciated.

#### COMMERCIAL BANK SETS UP RELIEF FUND

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# TO THE RESIDENTS OF MORGAN COUNTY & WEST LIBERTY

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Our community has come together and helped so much! Our agents are working hard not only to help our clients, but to help our community. We have seen some remarkable people doing remarkable Selfless things since this tragedy struck our town. We are PROUD to be a part of Morgan County and West Liberty! "It's not the building that make our town, it's the people" and what a proud, hard working, selfless group of people we are. God Bless West Liberty and Morgan County.

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The proposed facility is approximately 0.1 miles northwest from KY 7 and KY 711 and located 0.1 miles southeast of Road Fork.

The proposed facility is located on the Wrigley USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is by Golden Eagle, Incorporated.

The application has been filed for

public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. C-3-22-4t

(Pub. March 22, 29, April 5, 12)

#### PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 15th day of March 2012 that Greg and Brent Cecil have been appointed the co-administrators of Wilmer Earnest Cecil Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. ANyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication. Greg Cecil

P.O. Box 508 Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 Brent Cecil 4605 Piney Grove Road Somerset, KY 42501 (Co-Administrators) Steve O'Connor

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#### PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 15th day of March 2012, that Brent and Greg Cecil have been appointed the Administrators of Emma Dean Cecil Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication. Brent Cecil

4605 Piney Grove Road Somerset, KY 42501 Greg Cecil P.O. Box 508 Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 (Co-Administrators) Steve O'Connor 907 Prestonsburg Street West Liberty, KY 41472 C-3-22-1t

#### PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 15 day of March 2012 that Geraldine Whitt has been apointed the Executrix of Billy Eugine Whitt Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Geraldine Whitt P.O. Box 313 West Liberty, KY 41472 Steve O'Connor 907 Prestonsburg St. West Liberty, KY 41472 C-3-22-1t

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WEST LIBERTY, Ky.--Dennis Gulley, Executive Director of Gateway Community Action Agency and Sherry Farley, President and CEO of Frontier Housing and partnering agencies Kentucky Housing Corporation and Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE) will hold two public meetings for homeowners and renters who have lost their homes as a result of the recent tornadoes

Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m., East Valley Elementary School, Morgan County residents.

Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m., Ezel Elementary School, Morgan and Menifee County residents.

Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley is expected to be in attendance at both meetings, and Menifee County Judge JD Trimble, at the Ezel meeting on April 5.

Invitations have been extended to representatives of local banks in both counties, FEMA, US Dept. of Rural Development, HUD and others that will have a role in rebuilding housing in both communities. The meeting will provide an opportunity for those affected by the loss of their homes to ask questions and get much needed information. After the meeting, counselors, bank staff and others will be on hand to speak one-on-one with those that have lost their homes about their individual circumstances.

If you are someone who has lost your home (owner or renter) as a result of the recent storms, regardless of your income, you are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Beth Howard at Gateway Community Action, (606) 743-3133 or by email at beth.howard@gcscap.org.

# **Business locations are listed**

The following is a complete listing of all re-located businesses:

- Citizens Bank Inside 3179. IGA. Call 743-1501.
- ARH Home Health -Hospital rehab department. Call 743-3481.
- Commercial Bank Dairy Cheer and MSU Regional Enterprise Center. Call 743-3195.
- Peyton's Pharmacy -
- Clinic Pharmacy -Original location. Call 743-4957.
- Rite Aid Pharmacy -Original location. Call 743-
- Mountain Telephone Original location. Call 743- Go-Go. Call 743-3949. 3121.
- Youthful Essence -Original location, Call 743-

disaster counties can apply in

Magoffin County: 125 S. Church St., Salyersville, Ky.

41465. Phone: (606) 349-6131

Ky. 40322. Phone: (606) 768-

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Menifee County: 784A Hwy. 36, P.O. Box 50, Frenchburg,

the following locations:

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- Valley RECC business office. Call 877-237-2886 or 743-
- Licking Valley RECC -Original location. Call 743-
- ARH Home Care Store -Cougar Corner garage. Call 743-3630.
- Lion Apparel Original location. Call 743-3171.
- Circuit Clerk Donna Original location. Call 743- Pelfrey's office – MSU at West Liberty. Call 743-3763.
  - District court system MSU at West Liberty. Call 743-3763.
  - Baby's Day Inn Original location. Call 743-1751.
  - County Court Clerk Randy Williams's office - Trailer at
  - Sheriff Mickey Whitt's office – Trailer at Go-Go. Call 743-3613.

- Kentucky Power –Licking office Rifle Coal. Call 743-3349.
  - Morgan County Water District - Rifle Coal, Call 743-
  - U.S. Postal Service IGA parking lot, 12-3 p.m. Call 743-4380.
  - Health department mobile unit - Old bowling alley. Call 743-4704.
  - Department of Insurance Morgan Auto & Finance lot.
  - FEMA Old MSU building. Call 1-800-621-3362.
  - · Kentucky Department of Human Resources - Wrigley Elementary School.
  - Farm Bureau Insurance -Hwy. 519 Fire Department. Call 743-3607.
  - Service MSU at West Liberty. Call 743-3292.
- Appalachian Wireless -• PVA Darby Franklin's New Mountain Telephone

building. Call 743-4600.

- Food stamp office Wrigley Elementary School. Call 743-
- Protection & Permanency office - Wrigley Elementary School. Call 743-3158.
- Pathways Located at 767 Main St. Call 743-3139.
- Pack's Discount Tobacco -Original location. Call 743-
- West Liberty Elementary School - Old Boneal building. Call 743-8302.
- Judge Executive Tim Conley's office - Rifle Coal. Call 743-3897.
- City Hall business office Trailer behind City Hall. Call 743-3330.
- West Liberty Police • UK Cooperative Extension Department - Trailer behind City Hall. Call 743-4385.

# Residents of 16 counties affected by storms can get food benefits

Households may be eligible for replacement assistance or one-time aid; Additional counties may be added

Kentuckians living and working in areas affected by recent tornadoes and severe weather may apply for federal disaster food benefits March 16 through March 23.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), is providing resources to purchase food for residents of 16 counties that are part of a federal disaster declaration from the March 2 storms. People who work in these counties and have lost income may also

SNAP is formerly known as food stamps. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department of Community Based Services administers the program in all 120 Kentucky counties.

Sixteen counties eligible for federal disaster food benefits are Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Johnson, Kenton, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Pendleton, Rowan and Wolfe.

Additional counties may be added to the disaster benefits listing.

DCBS Acting Commissioner Teresa James said that the SNAP assistance will help Kentuckians coping with loss.

"Thousands of families have been affected by this severe weather, and we want to ensure that every SNAP customer who lost groceries can replace those items with healthy food as they recover from the storms," James said.

#### **CURRENT FOOD BENEFITS CUSTOMERS**

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- Experienced damage to or destruction of their home or
- self-owned business; • Disaster-related expenses not expected to be reimbursed
- A reduction, termination or

in March;

delay in receiving income; or • No access to liquid financial assets, such as checking or

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HOT FOODS WAIVER SNAP and disaster SNAP benefits can be used to purchase prepared or hot foods only during the month of Laurel, Lawrence, Magoffin, March in the 16 affected counties. The food retailer must be certified by FNS to accept SNAP and disaster SNAP electronic benefits cards for the purchase of food items. Normally, food benefits may not be used for hot foods pre-

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

pared by a retailer.

Applicants must bring proper personal identification and verification of residency. It is also recommended, if possible, that applicants bring proof of Social Security numbers for all household members; takehome pay; accessible resources like savings and checking accounts and cash on hand; and statements to verify disaster-related expenses.

The DCBS offices in these counties will accept applications through Friday, March 23. Regular office hours are 8 may receive additional food a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday

Residents should contact DCBS offices, which are listed their local office for more information.

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> Many of our businesses in Morgan County have reopened in their original location. Listed below are the businesses that have relocated.

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Appalachian Wireless	606-743-4600	New Mountain Telephone Building
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ARH Home Health	606-743-3481	Hospital Rehab Department
Citizens Bank	606-743-1501	Inside IGA
Commercial Bank	606-743-3195	Dairy Cheer, Main Street, & Enterprise Center
Department of Insurance		Morgan Auto & Finance Lot
Dollar General	606-743-1617	Index
Family Dollar	606-743-2240	Index
FEMA	800-621-3362	Old MSU
Food Stamp Office	606-743-3127	Old Wrigley School
Health Department Mobile Unit	606-743-3744	Old MSU
Kentucky Power	877-237-2886	Licking Valley RECC
KY Department of Human Resources		Old Wrigley Elementary
KY Farm Bureau Insurance	606-743-3607	519 Fire Department
Licking Valley Courier	606-359-2181	Mt. Sterling Office
Morgan County Circuit Clerk's Office	606-743-3763	MSU at WL Academic Center
Morgan County Court Clerk's Office	606-743-3949	Trailer at Go-Go
Morgan County District Court Systems	606-743-3763	MSU at WL Academic Center
Morgan County PVA	606-743-3349	Trailer at Go-Go
Morgan County Sheriff's Office	606-743-3613	Trailer at Go-Go
Morgan County Water Dist.	606-743-1204	Rifle Coal
Protection & Permancy	606-743-3158	Old Wrigley School
UK COOP Extension Services	606-743-3292	MSU at WL Academic Center
US Postal Service	606-743-4380	IGA Parking Lot (Noon-3:00 p.m.)
West Liberty City Hall	606-743-3330	Back of City Hall Building
West Liberty Elem School	606-743-8302	Old Boneal Building
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mately 0.1 miles northwest from

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the Wrigley USGS 7 1/2 minute

quadrangle map. The surface area is

The application has been filed for

public inspection at the Department

for Surface Mining Reclamation

and Enforcement's Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake

Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653. Written com-

ments, objections, or requests for a

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Greg Cecil P.O. Box 508 Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 Brent Cecil 4605 Piney Grove Road Somerset, KY 42501 (Co-Administrators) Steve O'Connor

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907 Prestonsburg St.

#### PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 15th day of March 2012, that Brent and Greg Cecil have been appointed the Administrators of Emma Dean Cecil Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Brent Cecil 4605 Piney Grove Road Somerset, KY 42501 Greg Cecil P.O. Box 508 Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 (Co-Administrators) Steve O'Connor 907 Prestonsburg Street West Liberty, KY 41472

#### PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 15 day of March 2012 that Geraldine Whitt has been apointed the Executrix of Billy Eugine Whitt Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

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# Miss Bolin, Mr. Evans announce engagement



#### **Brandon Curtis Evans and Ashley Elaine Bolin**

Ashley Elaine Bolin, daughter of Kim Ross, of Ezel, and the late David Watkins, and Brandon Curtis Evans, son of Dexter and Karen Evans, of marriage.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Morgan County High School. She attended Morehead State University and is employed by Bank of the Mountains. Maternal grandparents are Geneva Patterson Bolin and the late Ollie Bolin. Paternal grandparents are Orville Watkins and

the late Emma Cornett Watkins, all of Ezel.

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Morgan County High School. He is a Woodsbend, announce their 2007 graduate of Morehead engagement and forthcoming State University and is employed by Bank of the Mountains. Maternal grandparents are Louise Combs Ratliff, of West Liberty, and the late Billy Ratliff. Paternal grandparents are the late Dexter and Letha Holbrook Evans.

A spring wedding is being planned.

## **Caney Valley** News

By Tracey B. Hatton

March 15--Hello again from Caney Valley. It is so good to be able to write again. In a moment in the twinkling of an eve life has changed. That is what we experienced not only on Feb. 29, but also on March

Life in our little town of West Liberty and our surrounding communities changed. There is a song, "I will praise him in the storm."

We need to lift our hands toward heaven and praise the Almighty, because we do have much to praise him for.

In Psalm 24:1-8, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth rought about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

On Feb. 29 and March 2, the Lord was listening to the prayers of so many. There could have been more fatalities, but even with the six that we had, that was six too many.

Even though heartache and sorrow, we have to give God praise. There will be good days and there will be bad days. There will be happy days and there will be sad days. We ALL have to be prepared to face a new future that is evolving every day.

What we all once knew as "normal" is no longer there. We all have a period of adjustment to make. There are so many emotions each one of us will go through.

I, along with Morgan County School Board employees and other staff, attended a stress management inservice on Wednesday, March 14. This was so important for each one of us to attend. We sat in this inservice not only to be able to help others, but we ourselves are in need of healing.

All of us are in need of healing. Many of our residents and many of our school age children have lost their homes. This is a tremendous loss and what each person knew of stable now has become vulnera-

Making things better will start with taking time to realize that we need to care for ourselves and then to reach out and care for our community. It is difficult to make sense of what happened and to know that it will never be like it was before, but I am here to share with you that there is a new day dawning.

We will be stronger as individuals, families and as a community. We will recognize how we need to care: safety, expression of feelings, reconnection with support systems, reassurance and more important: our FAITH.

As a new normal starts, let us take something from this disaster that can change our lives for the good. My prayer is that while you are reading this, you will recognize how God has blessed your life and that you will turn your life over to him.

In Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation: which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

God bless each of you, God bless our families and God bless our community of Morgan County and the surrounding counties.

Next week if you have any news please contact me at 743-9921. I would love to hear from you.

# Eastern Kentucky receives more than \$190,000 from Modern Woodmen

Residents and community organizations in eastern Kentucky received \$190,464.74 in fraternal assistance from Modern Woodmen of America members in 2011, according to recently released results from the fraternal financial services organization. This supports social and volunteer activities for local members and their communi-

"I'm proud to be part of an organization that touches our

community in such a big way," said local Modern Woodmen Regional Director Janice L. Martin. "Right now, Modern Woodmen can make a difference for families, schools and communities-particularly as other forms of public and private funding are declining."

Modern Woodmen members in the area are organized into 38 local chapters and 5 youth service clubs. Through the organizations's various volun-

youth club members conduct service projects to meet the needs of their own communi-In 2011, alone, area Modern

teer programs, chapter and

Woodmen members contributed 5,638 volunteer service hours in eastern Kentucky.

As a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen sells life insurance, annuity and investment products not to benefit stockholders but to improve the quality

of life of its stakeholders-members, their families and their communities. This is accomplished through social, charitable and volunteer activities. In 2011 Modern Woodmen and its members provided more than \$26 million and 1 million volunteer hours for community projects nation-

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# Lewises to celebrate 60th anniversary on March 29



#### John and Laura Lewis

John and Laura Lewis will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. John Lewis and Laura Wells were married at the Methodist parsonage by William P. Pope, pastor of the Methodist Church in West Liberty, Ky., on March 29, 1952.

They have two daughters, Kim Harris, and Renee Pieratt and husband, Rick Pieratt, of West Liberty. They have one granddaughter, Amanda Pieratt Caudill and husband, Chadwic Caudill, of Paintsville, Ky.

John, a retired heavy equipment operator, always enjoyed making sorghum and garden-

**String Along** 

**Quilt Guild** 

mtg. is held

String Along Quilt Guild met

Tuesday, Feb. 28, in West

Liberty. President Libby

Hammonds called the meeting

to order and led the group in

the Pledge to the American

Roll call, show and tell, min-

utes of the previous meeting,

as well as the treasurer's report

Heather Bryant, with the

Build-A-Bed project, was a

guest at the meeting and col-

lected donated items to help

Following the close of the

business meeting, Josephine

O'Neal taught an informative

mini lesson on making pillow

were given.

with this project.



ing.

Laura, a homemaker, enjoys cooking and feeding her humming birds.

John and Laura are members of New Hope Baptist Church, in West Liberty, Ky.

shams. Those present in addition to Heather Bryant included Sandy Adkins, Betty Black, Blanche Black, Dorothy Bowman and granddaughter, Destiny, Debbie Burchett, Wilda Burks, Elam, Ursula Libby Hammonds, Beverly Howard, Vanessa Litton, Alane Nickell, Maudie Nickell, Amy Nunnery, Josephine O'Neal, Linda Perry, Sharon Peyton, Glenda Prater, Emily Tyree, Sandra Tyree, Bonnie Williams, Glois Williams, Oedith Wright, Janie Collinsworth, Melissa Tyree Roark and daughters, Alissa and Eva, and Nancy Lewis.

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Brushy Fork Church, Caney, Ky. Services fourth Satur-day at 1:00 pm and fourth Sun-day at 10:00 am each month. day at 10:00 am ea Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Tim Yaden, pastor. Parsonage: 743-4161. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm Bible study

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. David Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY, Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 11:30 am; Wednes-day evening 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 743-1340. Bro. Mick Harden, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday mom-ing 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm. study 6:00 **p**m.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Carl Roller, pastor. Sun-day morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Sat-urday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor. Redeemed Old Regular Bap-tist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third week-end of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Everyone wednesday worship. 6:00 pm Tuesday Bible study. Phone (606) 295-3512. eryone welcome. Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am every Sunday. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wagoner, assistant pastor.

Walnut Grove Community

Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. David Hinton, pastor.

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pm. Denzil Lykins, pastor, phone 668-3643. Torrent Church Of God, 1432

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 East Main Street, Jackson, KY. 10:00 am Saturday

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N KY-11, Zachariah, KY. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am, Sunday evening, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 pm. Rev.Marvin Hobbs, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy. 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Vanover, pastor.

**Ezel United Presbyterian** Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 9:30 am; Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 68.20168 Sunday School 10:30 am. All ages

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednes day evening 6:30 pm. Everyone wel-

Zag Community Church, located 1 mile off KY-519 on KY-976. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Donald Cox, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Index Community Church, 1749 West Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733; email: index@mrtc.com web: www.indexcommunitychurch.org Sunday School 10:00 am. Morning worsthn 11:00 am Sunday evening worship 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study, youth meeting, children's meeting 7:00 pm. Dr. Mike Frisby, minister

Sandy Hook United Method-ist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Every-one welcome. one welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

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Casteel, minister. Matthew Riley,
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Bear Pen Worship Center, Bear Pen Worship Center, Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday School 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Services Wednesday evening 7:00 pm; Sunday School 5:00 pm; Sunday evening worship 6:00 pm; pas-tor Vernon Dale Lewis and congregation invite everyone.

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KY-1010 East, Sunday School 10:00 am, Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am, Sunday evening 6:00 pm, Wednesday evening 7:00 pm, Charlie Brewer, pastor, wife Wayelene Brewer pm. Charne Brewer.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sun-day evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2122

Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sun-day morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Laurel Gorge Enterprise Bap-tist Church, Youth services Friday 6:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 17:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Virgil Franklin Gillum, pastor; Rodney Gilliam, assistant pastor. Full Gospel Tabernacle, Top of Slade Hill where Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph Banks, pastor. Everyone welcome.

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Murphy Fork Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday worship 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Thursday night 7:00 pm.

Haven Of Hope, 465 Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday worship, 6:00 pm. Paul Tussey, pas-

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Faith Hills Mennonite Church, KY-172, Crockett, KY 41413. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday evening second and fourth Sunday each month 7:00 pm, the fourth Sunday being song service. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

West Liberty United Methodist Church, corner of Main and Prestonsburg St. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Sunday night choir practice. 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. UMW first Tuesday each month. Rev. Ken Jett, pastor, phone 743-3519.

Trent First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd,

Woodsbend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednes-day evening family night ministries 7:00 pm.

Assembly Of Faith Church, seven miles north of West Liberty on KY-519. Sunday morning Bible classes, 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am. Power House kids church, 11:00 am. Sunday evening worship service, 6:00 pm. Tuesday worship choir practice, 6:30 pm. Wednesday worship and youth service, 7:00 pm. Berlyn Davis, pastor. Phone 743-4555.

Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:55 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. James Doughton, pas-Isonville Primitive Baptist

Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Chris-topher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty First Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am nursery cmidren's church 11:00 am nursery provided. Sunday evening youth group 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. David Cook, pastor. Phone 743-3722.

Bigwoods Community Church, HC 75. Wellington, KY. 40387. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday moming 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible hour 7:00 pm. Phone 768-3456. Rev. Less Brayler, nestor Jess Brewer, pastor.

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Lick Branch Enterprise Bap-tist Church, two miles off US-460 up Old KY-172. Every fourth week-end of each month. Saturday night business 6:30 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Brs. Leo Clarkies pes 11:00 am. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pas-Neal Howards Creek Com-

munity Church, Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome. Newcombe Valley First Enter-

prise Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. First Saturday each month 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 morning 10:45 Jerry Porter, pastor. Mike Adkins,

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Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772. West Liberty, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Sunday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; Thursday evening service 7:00 pm; every third Saturday evening fellow-ship dinner 5:00 pm and church ser-vice at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Pastor Jeff Montgomery, Assistant Pastor Woody Bowman.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Ezel Church Of God}, Ezel, KY \\ \textbf{41425}, \textbf{phone 725-5721}. \end{array}$ 

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Centerville Community Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sun-day discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednes-day Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon, pastor.

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Sat-urday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor. Campton United Methodist Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor's Branch, Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Sun-day service 10:30 am. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm. Roger Dean Ball, pastor. Everyone welcome!

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7 past Bruin. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Gallihue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9-45 am. Sunday moming 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield

Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pas-tor. Delbert Coffey, assistant pastor.

Community

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Daniel Wendell, pastor. Phone 668-3703.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. Bro. Karl Elam, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Bap-tist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Sec-ond weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364, Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening youth service 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor, 743-3801. Elder lawrence Kersey, 743-3291. Elder Dan Hittepole, 743-3430. El-der Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Aaron Brooks, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Cortis Ison, pas-

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Bible trivia last Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm. Gospel singing fourth Friday at 7:00 pm. James Hinton, pastor, congregation well all. Phone 349-LORD.

Kernie Freewill Baptist Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Butch Whitaker, pastor. Steve Arnett, assistant pas-

Wallownole Independent Baptist Church, Second Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Sec-ond Sunday morning each month 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer meeting 7:00 pm.

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Spring Branch Baptist Church, 100 Spring Branch Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Pastor Robert Bailey, 606-668-9229. Sunday School, 10:00 am, Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am, Sunday night service, 6:00 pm, Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:00 pm. **Horton Flats Community** 

Baptist Church, 1.6 miles off KY-7 on KY-3353, Horton Flats Road. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deaf class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fannin Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-557 (Ruin Road), Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. George Stafford pastor and Jason Ison assistant pastor.

Crockett Community Baptist Church, KY-706. Pastor Hershell Wright, Assistant Pastor Doug Ison. Sunday worship service 11:00 am; Family night 6:00 pm Wednesday.

Campton Christian Church, 312 Main St., Campton, KY 41301, phone 606-362-9277. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Tuesday Bible study, 6:30 pm. Minister Will Cooper. Website

www.camptonchristianchurch.org Saint John Baptist, Old KY 15, Pine Ridge, KY, Louise Lee Winchip Chapel. Sunday morning prayer 9:00 am; Holy Communion third Sunday. Wednesday evening

9030. Everyone welcome. First Apostolic Church, Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty. Sunday School 10:00 am; Sunday worship 3:30 pm; Wednesday night worship 7:00 pm.

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Red Bush Enterprise Baptist Church, Red Bush, Ky., Rt. 172. Services second Saturday evening at 7:00 pm; weekly Sunday School at 10:00 am; Sunday morning service 11:00 am; Sunday evening services 6:00 pm every third Sun-day. Pastor Mike Sparks. Assistant Pastor Chris Baldwin, Everyone

Crossroads Baptist Church located at the intersection of Mountain Parkway, KY-191 and KY-205. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship service 11:00 am; Sunday night worship 6:00 pm. Pastor Ray Fallen. Everyone welcome.

**Emmanuel Family Church** 1sonville, KY. Pastor: 1ra Smith Phone 738-4917, Services Second Everyone welcome.

Slade Church of God, Sunday School 10:00 am, Sunday service 11:00 am, Sunday night service 6:00 pm, Wednesday night Bible study 7:00 pm. Pastor Bill White, 668-6471.

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**TUESDAY** 

1 John

4:7-21

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We can lose a lot of things in this life and face very difficult times but knowing the love of God, and that cannot be taken from us. This is the mainstay of our lives that will see us through all things.

We had a wonderful service with many sharing thanks through their testimonies, where we laughed and cried together.

For the message we read Job 1:9-22 and shared what Job faced as Satan tried to get him to curse God. God did not cause what happened to Job, but he certainly allowed it. Many think of God has all power to control the forces of nature, and He can. We see that in His word where He caused it to rain for 40 days to flood the earth, or sent wind to part the Red Sea and the Jordan River, or even when Christ could calm the storm by rebuk-

But in Matthew 5:45 it says "he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

The forces of nature come upon us all but we may ask was this tornado an act of God? Insurance companies use this phrase in times past when referring to forces of nature thus many think that God causes these things to happen.

Let me share what I call theology 101. When God created man He put him in the garden of Eden, where everything was perfect. Do you think there would have ever been an earthquake, a storm, a tornado, or any other thing including death in the garden? I think not.

When man sinned he was put out of the garden from the presence of God and thus we have what we have today. Heart attacks, cancer, car accidents, terrorist attacks, floods, storms, babies who die from various things, you name it. These are the results of Adam's

So was this tornado an act of God? I know God has power to do as He pleases, but I don't know the mind of God. I am not able to say it was.

However, I can say what is an act of God. Rose Rowland was outside of City Hall trying to get in when the storm hit, and with the help of Tim Conley was able to get inside to safety. That was an act of

Jared McKnight, my grandson, and three others were inside Dollar General when the tornado hit, in the rest room by the front wall. They all survived, and that is an act of

Anna Gibson and her sister were outside Dollar General Store trying to get inside when

the tornado hit and could not get in. They were sucked through the glass doors into the building and then the building collapsed on them. They are alive and well, and that is an act of God!

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Now let me share the greatest act of God that I know and that is God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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# Pathways office is open and welcomes consumers with appointments, walk-ins

WEST LIBERTY, Ky.-Although phone service has not been restored, the Pathways, Inc. office at 767 North Main Street, West Liberty, Kentucky, is open-seeing consumers and welcoming walk-ins. Fortunately, the Pathways office building in West Liberty was spared extensive damage during the recent storms and tornados and served as a respite center for emergency workers and a food service area for the community.

In the aftermath of the traumatic events of March 2, 2012, the Pathways staff wants existing clients to know they are able to resume services and any new clients needing shortterm or long-term services are

walk-in. welcome Immediately following the disaster that wreaked havoc on several counties, Morgan County staff and volunteer staff from other Pathways' counties provided grief counseling, trauma counseling, and emotional support. In some cases, staff provided a helping hand and the organization collected and donated much needed emergency items for the affected area. Pathways staff recognize there will be ongoing needs, and wants to assure the community that services and support will be available. The West Liberty Pathways office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through

consumers and community members can call 1-606-324-1141 or 1-800-562-8909 to reach the Pathways Access Center. The Access Center is staffed with trained professionals who can respond to any request from callers and assess behavioral health needs.

Pathways serves Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup. Menifee. Lawrence, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan counties. More than 600 dedicated Pathways staff provide quality behavioral health care services at nearly 40 locations for over 15,000 community members, providing support and improving quality of life.

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# Life slowly returning to normal in West Liberty after tornado

By Bill Estep — bestep@ herald-leader.com

WEST LIBERTY — Melissa Stacy walked into the Morgan County clerk's office Friday and transferred ownership of a 2000 Ford Explorer.

That wouldn't be a big deal in normal times, but times haven't been normal in West Liberty since a powerful tornado blasted through the county and city March 2.

The tornado killed six people and injured others in the county, but it also ripped a hole in the fabric of everyday life, destroying, damaging or disrupting businesses, govern-

ment offices and schools. Two weeks after the tornado, however, the town is working hard to recover, and services are being restored, residents said Friday.

businesses have reopened in their original locations after repairs, while others have found new spaces. One bank, for instance, set up shop in an old grocery store, local officials said.

The post office is in a mobile unit that looks like a concession stand in the parking lot at the IGA, and the health department is in an old bowling alley, according to a list provided by Irene Jenkins, the county emergency manager.

City offices and the police department are open in mobile homes in the parking lot behind the heavily damaged buildings where they used to be.

County offices are scattered among different locations, including the office of a coal company outside town that had closed. Some are in mobile homes, including the office of County Clerk Randy Williams, which reopened Thursday.

"There's a lot of progress," Stacy said.

Jim Ison, who drives through West Liberty frequently on his job as a quality-standards inspector for Kentucky

Housing Corp., said he sees a dark, not only to discourage steady decrease in the piles of bricks, splintered wood and other debris.

"We're getting better every day," Ison said.

The county will mark another recovery milestone Monday when school resumes for the first time since the tornado. One elementary school will be in a former manufacturing facility, Superintendent Deatrah Barnett said.

Things are on track to resume normal operations, Barnett said — "At least, our new normal."

Bina Adkins, who works at Commercial Bank, said the bank had never had a branch before the tornado.

Now, it has employees at the county library and in a mobile home, and is renovating the former Dairy Cheer restaurant to house loan officers, she said.

"We're just all over the place," Adkins said.

West Liberty, a town of 3,200, was abuzz with activity Friday, with people working on damaged buildings and clearing debris.

Jim Gazay, incident commander for the county, said he had worked disasters in other places and was impressed with the progress on recovering from the storm after just two

"I've never seen nothing near this fast," he said. Still, it's clear that with the

amount of damage, recovery and rebuilding will be a long Storms that hit the county

Feb. 29 and March 2 destroyed 299 residences, 74 businesses and 19 government offices, caused major damage to 162 other buildings and inflicted at least some damage to hundreds more, Gazay said

The March 2 tornado was so fierce it toppled granite headstones in Salyers Cemetery.

There is still a curfew after

looting but to keep people out of unsafe areas.

Electricity and phone service have been restored to all the places where it can be, Gazay said, but residents said there still is no cable television.

Williams, the county clerk, said sheriff's deputies are providing services, but the sheriff's office hasn't reopened, so people can't pay their property

Traffic signals haven't been rebuilt. Traffic was at a crawl downtown Friday as people took their turns at a four-way stop sign.

"It's going to be a long time before they get everything going," said Donnie McKenzie, who operated a local landmark, McKenzie's Pool and Lunch, for decades before it was destroyed by the tornado. Like others, however, McKenzie said he wants to reopen his business, which was known for its fish sandwiches.

Phyllis Landrum said she'll reopen her beauty shop. It was damaged in the Feb. 29 storm, and she was at another business to check on renting space to reopen when the March 2 tornado hit.

The building was damaged, but she and others rode out the storm in a bathroom or a walkin cooler. Like other residents, she

seemed to be taking things in stride. "It's not that bad," she said.

"Everybody is very helpful." Bill Estep: (606) 678-4655. Twitter: @billestep1.

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Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. presents the Kentucky Court of Justice Seal to Morgan County Circuit Court Clerk Donna L. Pelfrey to display in the temporary Morgan County Courthouse in West Liberty.

# Courthouse, circuit clerk's office re-opens at MSU at West Liberty

The Morgan County Office of Circuit Court Clerk is open for business and began providing full services today in the temporary Morgan County Courthouse at 155 University Drive in West Liberty. The office opened March 14 to provide driver license services only. For information on the schedule of court dockets and hearings, contact the Office of Circuit Court Clerk at 606-743-3763.

Court business has resumed in Morgan County less than two weeks after a tornado destroyed the historic Morgan County Courthouse at 518 Main St. in West Liberty. The new Morgan County Judicial Center, which was under construction and 60 percent complete, was also seriously damaged in the March 2, 2012, storms. The Administrative Office of the Courts enacted its emergency management plan to relocate court services to the facility on University Drive following the disaster.

Court staff were able to secure the majority of court records housed in the Morgan County Office of Circuit Court Clerk within hours after the

storm. Other court managers and staff quickly followed to begin assessing damage, salvaging court property and obtaining and outfitting space for a temporary courthouse.

As the administrative and fiscal agent for the state court system, the AOC oversees the construction and maintenance of court facilities statewide. The AOC also supports the activities of nearly 3,300 Kentucky Court of Justice employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks.

# Following tornadoes, Cougars take the field for a welcome season opener

By David Patrick

Lee County scored seven runs in the first two innings before holding off a late Cougar rally en route to a 11 -6 win in West Liberty.

For Morgan County, the game marked a sense of normalcy for a community torn apart by deadly tornados just three weeks ago.

Despite the loss, head coach Mark Easterling was happy to get his players on the field as part of the recovery process.

"We didn't want to open with a loss, but considering we hadn't been on the field in two weeks, our kids gave a good

It was important that we get out there and get the season started. Now we can build from this and improve every

Cougar pitcher Larrin Collins is expected to have a big season, but struggled early against the Bobcats. After retiring the leadoff batter, Collins walked

two and then hit a batter. Lee County then plated a run on a fielders choice and an RBI hit by Brant Cornelius. A Cougar error led to yet another run as the 'Cats grabbed the early 5 -0 lead. Lee County would plate two more in the second inning courtesy of two hits and as many walks.

problems and his defense let him down with a few errors errors," Easterling said. "But again, considering it's the first day out for all of us, you deal with it and bounce back."

Offensively, Morgan didn't manage a base hit until a Zach Bartley single with two outs in the third. The Cougars got on the scoreboard in the fifth when Noah Kelsey and Chandler Adams led off the inning with singles and then scored on a bases clearing triple by Bartley. Morgan would tack on another run courtesy of an infield error which scored Bartley.

The Cougars continued to rally in the sixth, posting another two runs. Tyler Conley and Kaden Ross banged singles, while

Kelsey was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Following a sacrifice fly from Adams, Braxton Patterson reached safely on a fielding error before "Larrin had some control Bartley drew a walk to score the Cougars' final run.

Among the bright spots for the Cougars was Conley, who pitched three innings of no-hit baseball in relief.

"Ryan looked great on the mound," Easterling said. "He was confident and threw strikes. As the game went on, he and the rest of the team never quit and actually finished strong."

The Cougars will have three more home games (March 22 vs. Menifee, 24th vs. Cordia and the 26th vs. Elliott) before going on the road next week against East and West Carter.

# Some spring sports delayed in Morgan due to the loss of venues, equipment

By Ray Schaefer The Ashland Daily Independent

West Liberty — School officials said Friday the start of high school spring sports at Morgan County will be delayed

by at least two weeks. "Our intent is to restore everything as quickly as possible," Superintendent Deatrah Barnett said.

Barnett said the March 2 tornadoes that wiped out most of downtown West Liberty destroyed the tennis courts. All matches will be on the road, but athletic director Ralph

Hamilton said employees at Carter, with the first home The Wells Group, a ready-mix concrete company near West Liberty, are letting players practice on courts at their

Barnett said the tornadoes did not affect the baseball and softball fields on Liberty Road, about three miles north of the high school. She said the track just needs to be cleaned up.

Hamilton said the baseball team is scheduled to open its season March 22 at home against Menifee County. The softball team is expected to begin the same day at West

game March 29 against Raceland.

The football field near downtown was hardest hit; uniforms and equipment were destroyed. "We lost everything," Barnett

said. Hamilton would like to have home football games this fall, adding that the Cougars could play all games away from home if they had to.

"We're going to take it stepby-step," he said. "The goal is to take this tragedy and look at it as an opportunity."

#### Grayson woman is injured in a Morgan accident

On March 15, at 1:27 p.m., Kentucky State Police Morehead received a call for service from Morgan County Dispatch of a single vehicle accident on U.S. 460 East.

Patricia Riffe, 49 of Grayson tinued off the roadway over an was traveling eastbound on US 460 in a 2000 Chevrolet Impala. Riffe lost control of her vehicle in a curve, overcor-

rected and dropped off the right hand shoulder of the roadway. Riffe's vehicle conembankment. She was transported to Morgan County ARH with non life-threatening injuries to her leg.

# MSU at West Liberty re-opens for class on March 15 after tornado closure

Morehead State University at West Liberty re-opened Thursday, March 15, for all classes and related activities.

The center had been closed since the March 2 tornado struck West Liberty.

Since the disaster, several Morgan County offices have relocated to West Liberty Academic Center. MSU has made changes to class schedules to accommodate the move-ins and an updated schedule of classes.

According to Brent Jones, executive director of MSU's distance education and regional campus system, "ITV classes will remain in the same location, but many face-toface classes have been moved to the ITV rooms or room 105

(computer lab). Also be advised that the 105 computer lab will be operated as an open computer lab when it is not being used as a classroom, and a schedule will be posted by the door."

Jones also noted that MSU's Office of Information Technology continued to record ITV classes through March 16, and after that date, returned to an as-needed basis for taping ITV classes.

MSU at West Liberty also is serving as a Volunteer Center (606-783-8756) to request assistance with property cleanup, relief efforts or to volun-

MSU has set up a Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/ msucares with information for

students, faculty, staff, alumni and community with resources on how to assist and what to do if you are an MSU student or employee affected by the storms. Inquiries may also be made by phone to 606-783-9055.

Students, faculty and staff with questions about classes and other activities scheduled for MSU at West Liberty may call 606-783-5381.

#### **Fishing Tournament** Canceled

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## Gov. Beshear visits Morgan and Magoffin counties

Governor Steve Beshear visited the temporary new home of West Liberty Elementary school and other temporary government service offices during a return visit to West Liberty and Salyersville today.

Following the deadly storms and tornadoes on March 2, Gov. Beshear instructed all state government agencies and Cabinets to assist in coordinating the restoration of government services in West Liberty.

While many counties sustained significant damage in the storms, West Liberty saw most of its main governmental buildings destroyed - including the current courthouse as well as a new courthouse that was still under construction.

"It's important that the citizens of Morgan County know they will have a place to go to replace a driver's license, register a vehicle, check on child support, or to complete any other task related to state government," said Gov. Beshear. "In many cases, the state has records that are critically important to storm victims, and we want to ensure that those citizens have access to these basic government services as quickly as possible."

The group of state agencies, led by Secretary of the Cabinet Mary Lassiter and the Governor's chief of staff, Mike Haydon, is working alongside the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency and local officials to find appropriate temporary locations for state offices and assist local officials in restoring access to needed services.

#### Many local government offices now open

State agencies have helped re-establish services for local government offices, including the Morgan County Sheriff, Property Valuation Administrator (PVA), Morgan County Judge-Executive and

others. The offices for both the Morgan County Clerk and the Morgan Circuit Court Clerk are now open in temporary quarters at West Liberty.

Court Clerk Donna Pelfrey and who are self-employed. her staff are already processing driver license applications and will soon resume all other services from working space inside the Morehead State University Academic Center at 155 University Drive in West Liberty. The office will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information on the schedule of court dockets and hearings, contact the Office of Circuit Court

Clerk at 606-743-3763. Morgan County Clerk Randy Williams and his staff are moving into a small construction trailer on the edge of downtown at 195 W. Main St. It has working telephones and electric circuits for the clerk's computers. Williams and his staff will soon move into a larger temporary structure that is being assembled adjacent to the trailer.

Several agencies, including the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Vehicle Regulation and Office of Information Technology; the Administrative Office of the Courts, Kentucky State Police, and Commonwealth Office of Technology worked to help restore operations at both clerks' offices. They reestablished basic office connections such as telephone data circuits and land lines, computers and printers.

The Morgan County Judge Executive, PVA, county attorney, water district and Morgan County Emergency Management are working from the old Rifle Coal building at 1009 Highway 172 in West Liberty.

The Morgan County Sheriff's office is operating from a temporary trailer at 195 W. Main

Street. **State Offices Relocating**  within Morgan County

Several Cabinets and agencies have already taken steps to provide needed services in West Liberty.

The Finance Cabinet has been searching for suitable temporary office space for multiple state services in West Liberty. The goal is to keep as many offices within West Liberty as possible, so residents can easily access these agencies without having to travel to another county. The Department of Financial Institutions assisted banks in West Liberty, helping them reopen at remote locations.

In order to assist building inspections and repairs, the Department of Housing, Building and Construction has opened a temporary office of seven inspectors in the parking lot of Oak Hill Coal Corp., located at 1084 Highway 7, No. 4 in West Liberty. Having these inspectors on site will not only help ensure safe entry into damaged buildings, but will also expedite inspections of repairs and issue of permits.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services opened temporary offices for its Department of Community Based Services in a former elementary school just a few days after the tornado. A temporary trailer is in use for the Morgan County Health Department in the parking lot of the health department at 493 Riverside Drive in West Liberty, and the department is open to the public. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services has worked with the Federal Management Emergency Agency (FEMA) to expedite delivery of food stamps to affected families and individu-

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is accepting applications for disaster unemployment assistance (DUA). This assistance is designed for those citizens whose place of work has been damaged or destroyed by storms, leaving them unable to return to those jobs. The assis-Morgan County Circuit tance is also available to those

Information is available at state-FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers and in local employment offices. DUA representatives are currently stationed at the Morgan County Public Library to assist claimants in that area. If claimants have questions or are unable to contact the local office, please call 502-564-3240 and ask for the DUA representative.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) has worked with multiple state agencies to provide desktop and laptop computers to state offices in West Liberty whose computer systems were destroyed by the tornado. COT has also restored telephone and data lines to state and local government entities, enabling them to reconnect with critical programming systems to deliv-

er services to citizens. In accordance with recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) directives, the Department of Revenue will extend tax filing deadlines for taxpayers who live in the federally declared disaster counties. For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after Feb. 29, and on or before May 31, have been postponed to May 31, 2012. This includes an extension of the April 17 deadline for filing 2011 individual income tax returns, making income tax payments and making 2011 contributions to individual retirement accounts (IRA).

The Cabinet for Economic Development is in the process of contacting business owners in West Liberty and Salyersville to advise them of available assistance and to encourage them to register with the U.S. **Small Business Administration** 



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The Transportation Cabinet is working to clear rights-ofway of vegetative storm debris. Gov. Beshear has issued multiple executive orders related to storm recovery. Last week, he signed a new order prohibiting insurance companies from cancelling or changing any insurance policies in affected counties until April

#### Storm Impact by the Numbers

Kentucky Emergency Management and FEMA have approved millions of dollars in assistance for survivors of this month's tornadoes and severe weather occurring Feb. 29-March 3, 2012.

Nearly 3,600 survivors in designated counties have contacted FEMA for help or information regarding disaster assistance. Many people have sought housing assistance from FEMA because their primary residence has been damaged or destroyed.

To date:

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Approximately \$5.6 million has been approved for housing assistance, including shortterm rental assistance and home repair costs.

Approximately 850 households have received FEMA grants to help pay for temporary housing.

More than 2,200 homes sustained damages. Of those, more than 650 were destroyed.

Approximately \$911,000 has been approved to cover other essential disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses and lost personal possessions.

More than 1,950 inspections of damaged properties have been conducted.

Nine disaster recovery centers are open.

More than 1,225 visits have been made to disaster recovery centers by affected people.

The 21 counties in the Commonwealth that are currently eligible for Individual Assistance are Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Johnson, Kenton, Larue, Laurel, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and

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Wolfe. Individual assistance for homeowners and renters can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs.

On Friday, Gov. Beshear was notified that seven counties were authorized to receive

Public Assistance, which provides funds to designated counties to repair, restore, reconstruct or replace public facilities or infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the disaster. The approved counties include Grant, Laurel, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee and Morgan.

FEMA is working with the

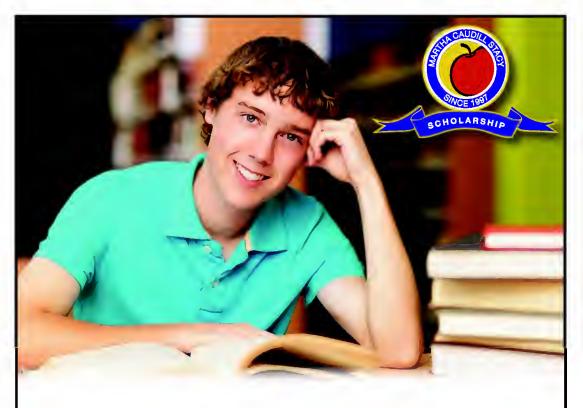
Kentucky Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to identify housing resources for survivors in the affected counties who lost their homes as a result of the tornadoes.

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The SBA is offering lowinterest disaster loans to homes and businesses for losses not covered by insurance.



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